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BRITAIN WILL SEND FLEET TO THE PACIFIC IF NECESSARY: "WE ARE NOW GETTING DOWN TO REAL BUSINESS AT LAST"

THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY MINISTER, MR. WILLIAM M. HUGHES, THAT BRITAIN WILL BE ABLE IF NECESSARY TO SEND A FLEET TO THE PACIFIC HAS CAUSED GREAT EXCITEMENT IN SINGAPORE, says Reuter.

The announcement was splashed today by local newspapers in all languages and the man-in-the-street feels: "WE ARE NOW GETTING DOWN TO REAL BUSINESS AT LAST."

It has been appreciated on all sides that the effectiveness of Britain's resistance to the progressive Japanese encroachments had in the past been considerably hampered by the fact that Britain did not dispose of a strong fleet in the Pacific.

It had naturally been felt that should there be a show-down with Japan, America would put her fleet into the struggle in the Pacific but the knowledge that a British fleet is available is more categorically reassuring.

Dispatch Of Japanese Forces To Indo-China Now Almost Completed

The dispatch of Japanese forces to French Indo-China has been almost completed, declared VICE-ADMIRAL NIIMI, C-in-C of the Japanese Fleet in Indo-China waters, at a Press conference on arrival at Saigon from Camranh Bay on Sunday, according to a Japanese Press message, says Reuter from Tokyo.

Admiral Niimi said that it was a matter of sincere congratulation for the construction of a sphere of common prosperity that an agreement for the joint defence of Indo-China had been concluded between Japan and France.

Additional Japanese armed forces had been sent to Indo-China without a hitch under the terms of the accord. He added that he would live up to the spirit of the joint defence.

The Admiral took the occasion to express warm appreciation to the French Indo-China Government and people for their enthusiastic co-operation with the Japanese armed forces in facilitating the latter's entry.

AT STRATEGIC TOWN

A large body of Japanese mechanized forces arrived at a strategic town in Cambodia yesterday, according to a report from Indo-China.

The main body of the troops was preceded by a vanguard which arrived in the town on Saturday.

Japanese Sailings Postponed

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—It is understood from usually reliable American sources that all Japanese sailings to the United States have been postponed indefinitely.

The Japanese are silent in connexion with the matter.

Japan Is Determined Regardless Of Danger

Regarding the Far Eastern situation, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, in a commentary broadcast from London yesterday, said that the Japanese were already concentrating considerable forces on the Thailand border and were making all sorts of demands for economic and political concessions.

This pointed to Japan's determination to go ahead with her southward drive regardless of danger.

"We at home," said Major Murray, "have every confidence that you people in Burma and Malaya will look after British interests there."

Major Murray added that the increase in armed forces combined with the economic measures taken by Britain, the United States and the Netherlands-East Indies, were fully sufficient to make Japan see the error of her ways.

POLITICAL BLITZKRIEG

CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Central)—The SIN SHUN PAO, Japanese Army organ in Shanghai, states that following the settlement of the French Indo-China issue, Japan's political blitzkrieg will be directed against Thailand.

CANADIANS TRAINING IN SPECIAL TACTICS

LONDON, Aug. 4 (BWS)—Dispelling the idea that soldiers who supply food, ammunition and fuel are non-combatants, the second Canadian Division of the Army Service Corps in England are receiving daily training in special tactics which include para-troop hunting, tank stalking, night patrols, defence against dive bombers and the use of explosives and weapons.

This elaborate transport unit which, if it is all moved together would stretch 32 miles along the roads, has a supply which daily handles about 25 tons of food-stuffs, petrol company with a carrying capacity of 175 tons to keep the divisions guns and weapons firing, and the troop-carrying company which can move with a brigade of infantry at one time.

In addition to their supply duties, the men of the CASCO spend much time in target practice on ranges and platoon exercises like those carried out by infantrymen and are trained in attack, as well as defence.

ORDER OF DAY

LONDON, Aug. 4 (BWS)—In the first Order of the Day to the Third Canadian Division after its arrival in England, Major-General D. Price urged them to put every effort into their training so that, when the time came, they would be a "burse to the enemy, a blessing to our friends and a credit to Canada."

GERMAN SHIP CAUGHT

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced that the German steamer Frankfurt of 5,520 tons has been intercepted by British patrols while attempting to run the blockade.

The Frankfurt was reported to have sailed on June 29 from Rio de Janeiro, where she had arrived on June 8 with a cargo of nitrate.

Today's News Summary

GREAT EXCITEMENT WAS CAUSED in Singapore by the announcement by the Australian Minister for the Navy that Britain was able, if necessary, to send a fleet to the Pacific. The man-in-the-street feels "we are now getting down to business at last."

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFENSIVE against Western Germany is being continued by day and night. In spite of unfavourable weather on Sunday night, bombers flew to Hanover and the docks at Calais were also attacked.

FIGHTING IN THE SMOLEN SK SECTOR on the Eastern Front is continuing. The Germans are now making a drive towards Kiev in the Ukraine. Moscow was again raided on Sunday night but only a few Nazi machines penetrated to the Soviet capital.

AGGRESSIVE TACTICS ARE BEING maintained by British patrols from Tobruk. Hostile minefields have been destroyed.

NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ON RUMANIAN SECTORS OF FRONT: ANOTHER NIGHT RAID ON MOSCOW

Great German Attack Brought To Halt From Adriatic To Black Sea

The Soviet mid-day communiqué yesterday stated that there were no significant changes on the RUMANIAN sectors of the front.

It added that during Sunday night fighting continued in the SMOLEN SK, KOROSTEN and BELAYA TSEKKOV areas, says Reuter.

MOSCOW was again raided on Sunday night by German machines but very few managed to penetrate over the capital. Russian night fighters dispersed the Nazi aircraft.

It is now admitted by the Germans themselves that their great attack on Russia has been brought to a halt along the whole front from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea and it is very improbable that they will be able to renew the offensive, certainly not in a decisive manner nor on a large scale, writes Reuter's Military commentator.

Their military spokesmen and their Press now talk of fighting an army not only superior in numbers but also superior in equipment and all evidence which flows into London from innumerable sources goes to confirm that this is the case and the Nazis are at last speaking the truth.

Big battalions are now with the Russians. If this is so then the strategical situation of Hitler's armies in Russia is very precarious.

The strain of heavy fighting, long marches, shortage of supplies of all kinds, the great difficulties of properly caring for the wounded and getting them away over great distances to safe hospitals must all be telling severely on the fighting capacity of the Nazi troops. Desertions to the Russians are fairly frequent.

In addition to all these adverse circumstances there is another which will be affecting them more deeply than all put together, and that is the realisation of failure.

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ENEMY ACTIVITY OVER E. COAST

LONDON, Aug. 4 (BWS)—An official communiqué states:

"There was slight enemy activity last night over the East coast of England and Scotland."

"Bombs were dropped at a few scattered points, including one in North-East England where some houses were demolished and some casualties caused including a small number killed."

Chinese circles here are frankly impressed by this renewed demonstration of firmness on the part of Britain.

One important Chinese, interviewed by Reuter, said:

"Without hesitation, Britain has imposed economic sanctions against Japan over the question of Indo-China. Now, when Japan begins to coerce Thailand, Britain follows up with the announcement that can only be interpreted as a direct threat of offensive action against Japan if she goes further."

"In view of the United States increasingly hostile attitude towards Japan, there is no room left for the two countries in an attempt to re-adjust their relations," says the important Japanese newspaper, ASAHI SHIMBUN.

It adds: "It is now time for Japan to complete its preparations in anticipation of the worst to come."

Declaring that Great Britain, the United States and the Chungking regime have been co-operating to complete the encircling of Japan since early this year, the Asahi says: "Because of this it is only natural that Japan concluded a joint defence pact with French Indo-China."

The paper says that Britain and the United States are forming a bloc of the United States, Britain, Chungking, the Dutch East Indies and are striving to include the Soviet Union.

What they ask in return for aid to the Soviet is greatly important to Japan.

Japan has a Neutrality Pact with the Soviet but if the Soviet acceded to the British and American demands, Japan's future course is clearly outlined in the Tripartite Pact and the more pressure Britain and the United States attempt to put on Japan, the more determined will Japan become in realising her ideals in East Asia.

HOPKINS BACK

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—

Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy, returned to London last night after a four-day visit to Moscow where he had a number of conferences with M. Stalin and other Soviet leaders.

One of our aircraft is missing.

Aggressive Tactics

TOBRUK, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—

Offensive patrols from Tobruk continued their aggressive tactics today but the enemy apparently refused to contact by withdrawing from the forward positions under cover of darkness.

The patrols did valuable work locating and destroying hostile minefields.

In the frontier area, patrols from our mechanised units have again harassed the enemy particularly by artillery fire, says a Middle East communiqué.

Hanover Raided

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—

In spite of unfavourable weather, British aircraft attacked industries and communications at Hanover and Frankfurt-on-Main.

The docks at Calais were also bombed.

One of our aircraft is missing.

Drive To Get Behind Kiev Wants Watching

Commenting on the latest phase of the war on the Eastern front, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, in a broadcast from London yesterday, said that the Nazi drive on Ukraine was from the north and east and it seemed rather as if the German Command, not satisfied with the slow advance in the Smolensk sector, had decided to look for a weak spot and had found it in Kiev.

This drive to get behind Kiev wanted watching because of important Russian railways there. The Black Sea port of Odessa would be in danger of being cut off as the railway ran north and not eastward.

The Russian High Command, he said, may be counted on to make the necessary dispositions to meet this attack. The Russian armies in the Ukraine had not been overrun and appeared to have withdrawn in order.

NOT ANOTHER DRIVE

Major Murray said that he thought it possible that we would not see another German drive along the whole front. In the same way, the Russians were not likely to launch one great counter-offensive.

The official Russian organ IZVESTIA stated, quite frankly: "We are not yet saying that the German Fascist army is smashed. The enemy is still strong. He is still striving to invade new territory."

This comment, concluded Major Murray, showed the note of caution that was necessary.

HEAVY FIGHTING NORTH OF ICHANG

CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—HEAVY FIGHTING IS GOING ON NORTHWARD OF ICHANG ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE YANGTSE RIVER AND WESTWARD OF THE HAN RIVER, according to Chinese field dispatches reaching here.

The Chinese reports say that starting from July 27 Japanese forces north-east of Ichang advanced westward in an effort to dislodge the strong Chinese forces concentrated in the hills northward of Ichang.

As the Japanese forces moved north-westward, the main body of the Chinese forces withdrew to strategic heights northward, meanwhile sending detachments to the Japanese flank in the rear.

Chinese forces launched a counter-attack on Aug. 1 when the Japanese launched no less than ten assaults in an effort to break through the Chinese cordon.

DAWN ASSAULTS

At dawn on Aug. 2, the Japanese renewed their assaults with the support of artillery and aircraft but the main body of the Japanese forces were surrounded and liquidated with small units succeeding to escape through the Chinese cordon toward the north-east, leaving behind many dead and wounded, and a large quantity of supplies.

One report claims that 1,700 Japanese dead were counted in the battlefield.

Another report says that after receiving reinforcements 3,000 Japanese

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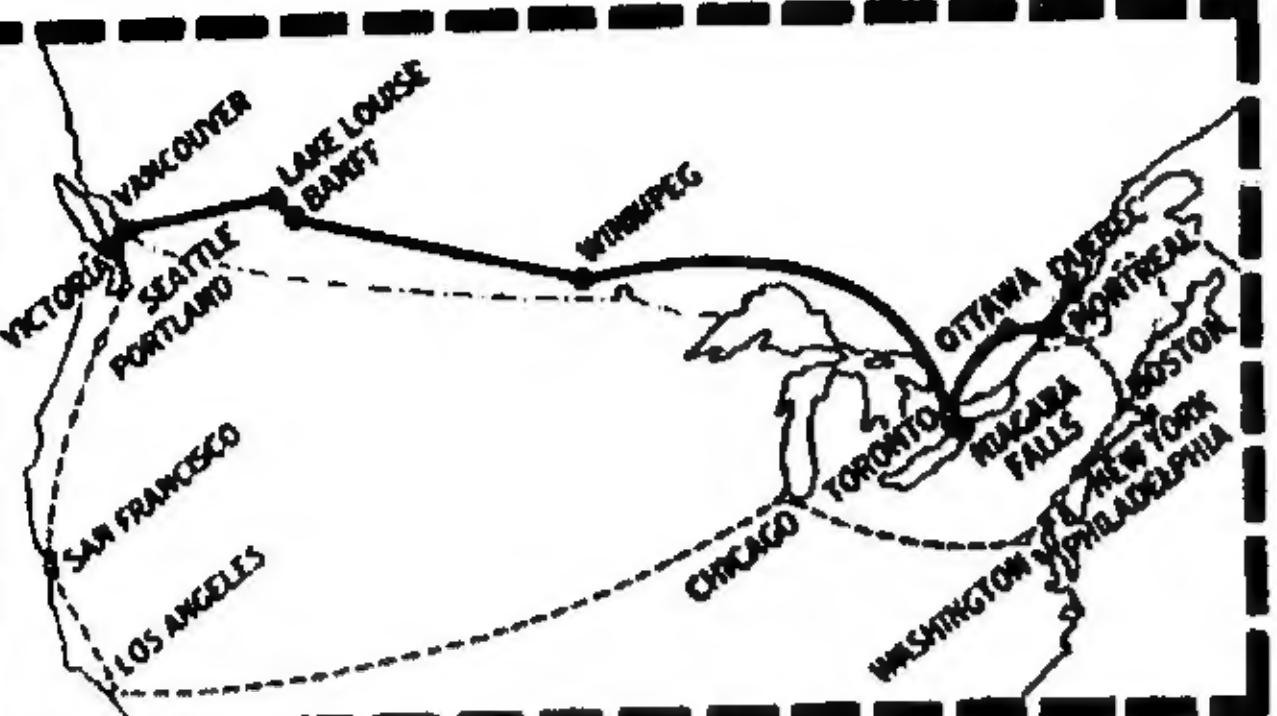
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**RECREIO "A" & CRAIGENGOWER C.C.
COMFORTABLE WINNERS
IN SATURDAY'S BOWLS**

**J.L. Stevens Hero Of Match
Between Kowloon Tong, P.O.C.**

The heavy rain which fell towards the latter part of Saturday afternoon caused only two matches to be abandoned—Taikoo v. Recreio in the Second Division and Hongkong C.C. v. Hongkong F.C. in the Third. The other matches arranged for the afternoon, though interrupted by the rain, were continued afterwards and produced results which were more or less expected.

Craigengower added yet another clean sweep win to their already imposing list of "sweeps," their victims last Saturday being Recreio "B". As the result of their clean sweep win over Kowloon C.C., the Kowloon F.C. are now on equal footing with Kowloon Tong in the Second Division, each with 35 points.

Recreio "A" at King's Park collected four points from Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" whom they beat on two rinks by 25 shots. Dickie Alves, playing against Adam Holland, won by 16 shots and Johnny Ribeiro ended his game against Bob Duncan 14 shots to the good. Raoul Luz went down to Alfred Hall by 5 shots.

The fact that Craigengower played away last Saturday did not prevent them from taking the maximum number of points from Recreio "B". When rain interrupted play at 6 o'clock or thereabouts the game might have been anybody's, as at that stage the visitors (Craigengower) were only four or five shots up on the whole.

On resumption of play, however, the pendulum swung round definitely in favour of Craigengower who won with 18 shots to spare.

Kowloon Docks secured four points which they very much needed in their match at home against the Indian R.C. They won on two rinks and on the aggregate by the narrow margin of one shot.

M. Ferguson, for whom young R. Lapsley shone, beat M. R. Abbas by 9 shots and Alec Calman had the edge over A. R. Dallah by the same number of shots. But Fred Cullen was well beaten by A. K. Minu who ended his game 17 shots ahead of his opponent. This, however, just failed to offset the 18 shot deficit incurred by both Abbas and Dallah.

Kowloon C.C. very nearly secured maximum points last Saturday against the Police whom they beat on the aggregate by 15 shots. They failed by half a point as the result of a tie in the rink score between N. Bebbington and J. C. Fender, each of whom scored 15 shots. Teddy Fincher won by 13 shots against E. G. Post and Tommy Madar just managed to keep two shots ahead of J. Shepherd.

STEVENS' FINE DISPLAY

Though they were down by two rinks to one, Kowloon Tong beat the Prison Officers on the aggregate by 22 shots to secure three out of the possible five points thanks to the fine display put up by J. L. Stevens and his men (N. MacKay, T. K. Lim and J. N. Wong) who beat W. J. Bagley's rink by the big margin of 32 shots.

Stevens, as can be imagined, judging by the score of 36—18 in his favour, monopolised the scoring, taking in all 17 heads to secure his 36 shots, thereby only conceding four scoring heads to Bagley 'on each of which he (Bagley) could only secure a single.

Both A. Sparry and A. J. Kew lost for the Kowloon Tong, the former losing to T. Gowland by five shots and the latter to J. McCutcheon by the same margin.

As the result of their clean sweep win over Kowloon C.C. whom they beat by 54 shots, Kowloon F.C. have now the same number of points (35) as Kowloon Tong, though, counting the number of matches won, they have one less. P. Youngusband's rink were in good form on Saturday beating R. S. Meadows' rink by 27 shots. W. V. Field had a 20 shot win over J. M. Jack and E. Kern won with two shots to spare against L. Jack.

K.B.G.C. TOO GOOD

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, leaders in the Third Division, gathered four points at the expense of Recreio whom they beat by 15 shots.

They won on two rinks, H. Nishitani beating P. Yvanovich by 9 shots and L. A. Jordan winning by the same margin against M. Phina. C. Walla in spite of a six scored on the sixth head, lost to M. F. Alatcon by three shots.

The Indians who are trailing behind Kowloon B.G.C. in the Third Division League Table added four more points to their total at the expense of Kowloon Football Club whom they beat by the narrow margin of 7 shots at Kowloon.

**EVACUATION OF
DUTCH DENIED**

A spokesman of the Netherlands Consulate-General in Shanghai denied reports that Dutch residents in Shanghai will be evacuated.

**SPORTING
FIXTURES**

TODAY
LAWN BOWLS.—Friendly Match, Hongkong Electric Recreation Club v. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., at Ming Yuen, 8 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Swimming trials for V.R.C.-European Y.M.C.A. team (V.R.C. pool) 8 p.m.; Water-polo trial at V.R.C.; School Boys and Girls Swimming Gala Meeting (V.R.C.) 8 p.m.

TENNIS LEAGUE.—Postponed "E" Division matches (by mutual arrangements)

TOMORROW
BASEBALL.—Hongkong Baseball Club v. Royal Engineers 5.15 p.m.

SKATE HOCKEY.—China v. Philwood Buccaneers. King's v. Cyclone.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

BASEBALL.—H. B. Baseball Club v. Chung Hwa, 5.15 p.m.; U.S. Tulsa v. South China, 4.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division:

Recreio "A" v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B"; Craigengower v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A"; Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio "B"; Police R.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.; Civil Service v. Indian R.C.

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio v. KOWLOON F.C.

TAIKOO R.C. v. Hongkong C.C.

KOWLOON TONG v. Hongkong F.C.

CRAIGENGOWER v. Kowloon C.C.

THIRD DIVISION

Hongkong C.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER.

KOWLOON B.G.C. v. H.K. Electric.

KOWLOON F.C. v. Recreio.

Hongkong F.C. v. POLICE.

BOWLS WASHED OUT

Rain washed out the lawn bowls League match between Kowloon Football Club and Prison Officers' Club and the postponed games in the lawn bowls open rinks championships that were to have been played off yesterday.

**Remarkable
Bowling By
Policeman**

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—The two-day's week-end cricket match in which a British Empire eleven beat the Metropolitan Police by 153 runs was featured by remarkable bowling.

T. Oliver, of the Police, took six wickets for 35 runs, including a "hat trick," in the Empire's second innings but C. B. Clarke, the West Indies test player, took all ten wickets for 29, also including a "hat trick," in the Police second innings.

The scores were: Empire Eleven, 172 and 148 for nine wickets declared. Police, 95 and 72.

**CHINESE FOOTBALL
TEAM RETURNING**

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—Because of the Far Eastern tension the Chinese soccer team is leaving for Hongkong after playing the last Test match.

**CHARITY SOCCER
PROPOSAL**

A suggestion has been made that two charity matches should be played between the two touring Chinese teams, South China and Eastern, with either Combined Services or an all-Colony eleven, before the commencement of the football season.

If this proposal should materialise it will not only aid local charity organisations or the war funds, to a great extent, but will also give the soccer season a real splendid start.

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"Nothing, Sir. Nothing. Only you gave me a bit of a start. I thought you were still in bed."

"Bed, Hawkins? On a morning like this? I've been over to the mill pool for a swim. Icy cold—very bracing—singing all over. What an the tinsel pictures of an effete civilisation compared with the joys of the simple life!"

"What indeed, Sir. Unfortunately, Sir, I assumed that after that party you were at last night you would not rise until late in the forenoon, and would require little, if any, breakfast. In fact, I instructed Cooks that effect."

ROSE'S—THE WISE MAN'S NIGHTCAP

**Madame Chiang's Appeal
For Relief Funds**

"It is our faith in the justice of our cause and in the bright hope of the future of our great nation that brought us through the present travail and will continue to nourish and uphold us in the glorious days to be," said Madame Chiang Kai-shek in the course of a speech at the celebration of the 4th anniversary of the National Women's War Relief Association.

After awarding embroidered pennants and citations in her own autographs to the outstanding contributors of relief funds to the Association, Madame Chiang announced that plans were being rushed to start a \$3,000,000 project for the rehabilitation of crippled soldiers and their families.

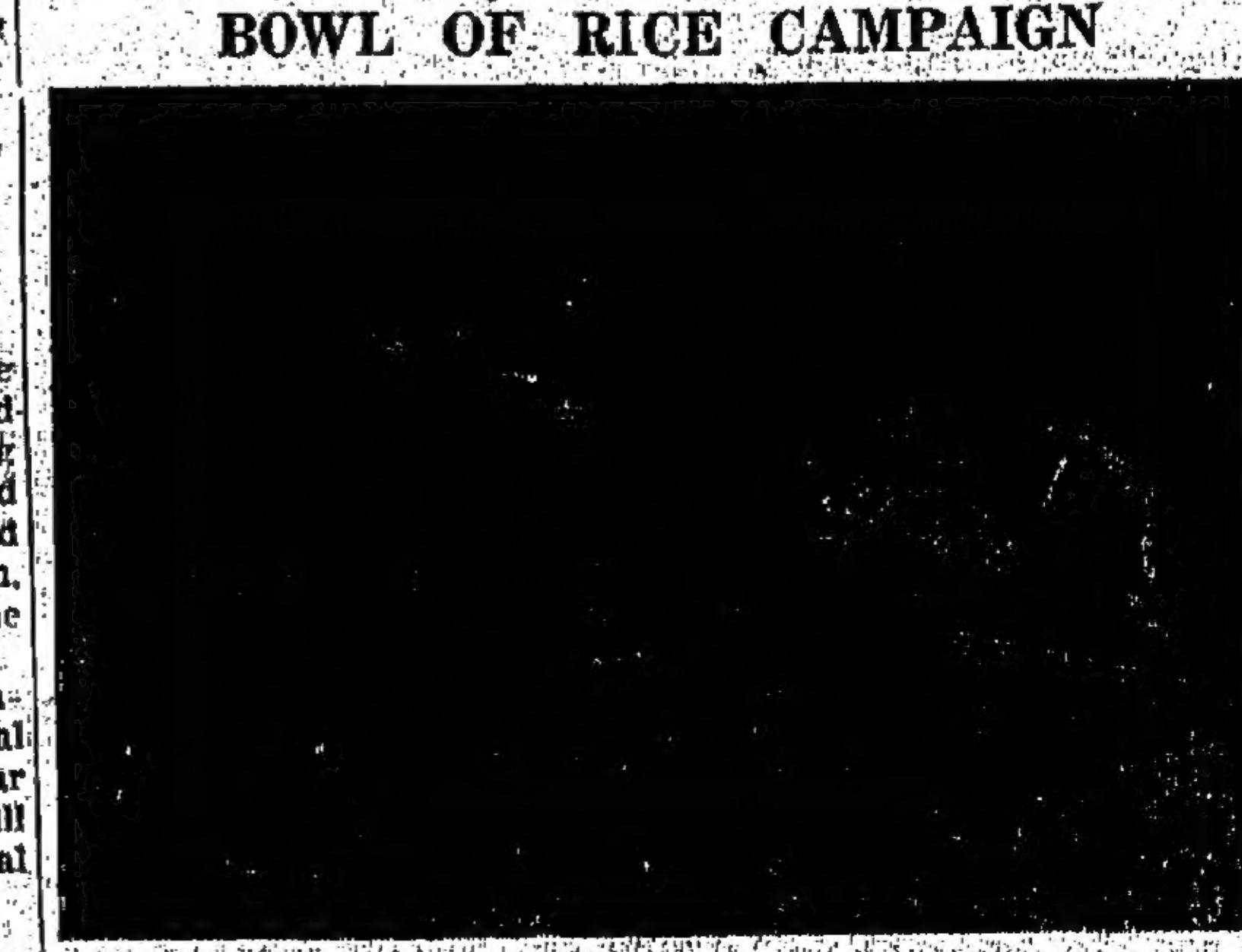
The Philippine Branch Association and the China War Relief Association in Palembang received the premier mention for contributing \$1,000,000 each. Those donating over \$100,000 included Mr. Tan Kee-kee of Singapore, Mr. Chen Shou-ming of Bangkok and the Chinese Recreation Association in Selangor, and those giving between \$10,000 and \$50,000 included the Sarawak branch of the China War Relief Association and Madame Wu Ting-chang, wife of the Kweichow Governor.

Madame Chiang said that she had received from many sources congratulatory messages praising the patriotism so signally displayed by Chinese women but she added, "We must not allow this to make us conceited but should be encouraged to think that it is a recognition that after the war China will be able to contribute something definite and lasting to human relationships."

"We are grateful for the popular approval at home and abroad but we must never let it affect us in our work. Extremely confident, all of us will continue our tasks persistently and purposefully until we have driven out our enemy and until Free China extends to every corner of our vast territory."

Madame Chiang said members of the National Women's War Relief Association working in military hospitals, alleviating the sufferings of the victims of bombing raids and helping the families of the recruits, "have inspired the whole world as an example of the capacity to forget oneself in times of great stress" (Central News).

BOWL OF RICE CAMPAIGN



The "One Bowl of Rice" movement in Hongkong, organised by the China Defence League on behalf of Chinese refugees, was held at 13 contributing restaurants during the week-end. This happy picture shows a poor family from Wanchai eating the "bowl of rice" contributed by a friend at the Ying King Restaurant. Arrangements have been made to supply a portion of the rice contributed to the needy in Hongkong all proceeds from the sale of tickets for the Campaign will be used to rehabilitate refugees through Chinese Industrial Co-operative in the Yellow River region.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR HSU TI-SHAN

Heavy Loss To Hongkong's Cultural Institutions

Hongkong's seat of learning, in particular, and the community, in general, sustained a heavy loss yesterday by the death of PROF. HSU TI-SHAN, M.A., B.Litt., B.D., well-known Chinese writer and head of the Chinese Department of Hongkong University, who passed away suddenly at his home at 2.15 p.m. yesterday from heart failure at the age of 47. He had been ill for several days.

The late Prof. Hsu was a native of Lungki, Fukien Province, and had his early schooling in Canton where his father held a magisterial post under the Manchu dynasty.

One of the first graduates of Yenching University in Peiping, he was from his earliest days a keen student of things Chinese his interests being centred in history and comparative religion. On graduation from Yenching with the degree of B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity) he remained for a short period as instructor at the University, later proceeding to the United States where he took his Master of Arts degree from Columbia University.

After Columbia, he studied sanskrit at Oxford, in preparation for researches into the Buddhist religion which occupied his next three years. He travelled widely in India in these years and pursued courses of study at a number of Indian universities. At Oxford, he secured the degree of B.Litt.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Returning to Yenching, he was appointed Professor of Social Science, History and Comparative Religion. He held professorships later at the National Tsing Hua and National Peking Universities, and joined, in Jan. 1936, the faculty of Hongkong University.

He early distinguished himself as a short story writer, contributing to the Short Story Monthly published by the Commercial Press, writing under the pen-name "Lo Hua Sheng" ("Peanut"). One of the most gifted writers of the modern Chinese literary movement, he turned out books, novels, essays and poetry with regularity.

JAPANESE LIQUIDATING BUSINESSES

It was learned from well-informed Japanese commercial circles that Japanese merchants in the Colony are liquidating their businesses, prior to leaving Hongkong, as the result of the recent Government Order freezing Japan's credits.

It was further learned that, instead of returning to Japan, they will in all probability, establish themselves in Macao. Scouts have been sent to Macao to investigate conditions there.

Many of the Chinese shops in Kwong Yuen Street, between Wing Lok Street and Bonham Strand, have also been quietly liquidating their affairs preparatory to "closing shop."

\$6,000 DAMAGE CAUSED AT N.Y.K. FIRE

It was learned yesterday that the damage caused by the fire which broke out on Sunday night in the exports, accounts and commodity departments of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, in Connaught Road Central, is in the neighbourhood of \$6,000 though the actual damage cannot yet be assessed.

Contrary to earlier reports, it is now believed that no valuable documents were lost as all these were kept in the five safes of the firm and these are stated to be fire-proof.

Seen yesterday, the premises presented a desolate appearance, every article and office equipment, including the massive counters and desks, being charred almost to cinders. The safes, however, appeared to be completely intact, and had been sealed by the Police.

NOT TOUCHED

Though the whole of the ground floor was completely gutted, the offices occupying the floor above were not touched by the flames.

The first call to the Fire Brigade was at 8.45 and, shortly after 10 p.m., the fire was practically extinguished.

Police constables are guarding the gutted premises.

The Police stated that they were not in a position to make any definite statement as to the actual cause of the outbreak.

INGENIOUS WAY OF CHEATING

FIREWOOD DEALER FINED \$200

An ingenious way of cheating was revealed when Chan Tim, 58, shop master, and Chau Kit, 24, shop foki, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday with having committed a breach of the Weight and Measure Ordinance.

They were stated to have fraudulently used a rope and hook in such a manner that by this device purported that 80 catties of firewood weighed 160 catties. The offence took place at the side lane at No. 326 Hennessy Road on Sunday.

First defendant pleaded guilty to the offence for which he took full responsibility, while the second pleaded not guilty stating that he was only the foki.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, who prosecuted, accepted the plea of second defendant who was discharged.

DELIBERATE SWINDLE

Sgt. Bentley said that on that morning at 11 a.m. a woman went to the Hop Cheung Loong firewood shop, of No. 277 Lockhart Road, ground floor, to buy \$20 worth of firewood. After some bargaining defendant agreed to sell at 31 catties for \$1. which Sgt. Bentley said, was above the market price.

The complainant, not understanding the Chinese scale, asked a friend to see that she had a fair deal and it was found that by means of that device defendant had exactly doubled the weight, from 80 catties to 160 catties.

Sgt. Bentley added that it was a very ingenious and clever trick.

Mr. Sheldon remarked that he had deliberately swindled complainant of firewood and imposed a fine of \$200 or, in default, two months' imprisonment.

HSU MO TO CALL IN COLONY

CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Central)—Mr. Hsu Mo, the new Chinese Minister to Australia, is leaving for Hongkong this week-end on route to Australia to assume his post, according to the diplomatic circles.

Sir Frederick Eggleston, the Australian Minister to China, is learned, will not arrive in Chungking until after the hot season.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

FORGED BANKNOTES

Five men were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday with possession of 28 Hongkong Government \$1 notes, one 1 Yuan note of the Central Bank of the Bank of China, one \$10 note of the Chartered Bank and one ten-yuan note of the Bank of Communications, knowing same to be forged, at No. 134 Johnston Road, third floor, on Saturday.

The defendants were Ng Wing-shing, 38, unemployed, Ng Loon-fai, 28, unemployed, Ng Wai-yan, 26, tailor, Li Lung, 30, unemployed, and Chan Tim-tong, 26, unemployed.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, who is in charge of the case, applied for and was granted a remand of three days for further inquiries to be made.

\$2,000 BAIL

Alleged to have demanded the sum of \$100 from Lo Kul with menaces, at No. 196 Queen's Road West, second floor, Li Hef, 38, P. C. C40, stationed at the Central Police Station, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday and was remanded for one week on the application of Sgt. J. M. Forrest.

Bail at \$2,000 was allowed.

ROBBED AUNT

Stated by his aunt, from whom he had stolen \$140, to be a bad boy and not wanting to do any work, a 18-year-old Chinese youth, Tam Wah, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of larceny of the money from Tam Mui, married woman, at No. 8 Gutzaif Street on Saturday.

Det.-Sgt. White said that defendant was an unemployed and lived with his aunt. On Saturday his aunt saw defendant wearing a new suit of clothing and a pair of new shoes. Becoming suspicious, she went to the place where she kept her savings and found the \$140 missing.

She made a report to the Police and defendant, on being questioned admitted stealing the money.

Defendant was remanded till today for consideration of sentence.

STARVATION STALKING POOR HOMES

Starvation is stalking the homes of the poor in the Colony owing to the high cost of living.

As a result four persons died of hunger on Sunday and their bodies were found in various parts of the Colony.

A male was discovered in front of No. 165, Queen's Road West;

another male outside No. 103, Canton Road, Kowloon; a third man in front of No. 24, Temple Street, Yaumati; and a male child in front of No. 32, Shanghai St., Yaumati.

First defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, second to four months on the receiving charge; third, to five months; and fourth, to four months.

LARCENY OF WOOD

With five previous convictions,

Yu Lam was sentenced to four months' hard labour, by Mr. Anderson, yesterday when he was convicted on the charge of larceny of one piece of wood valued at \$8, from the Met Hon Contractors' store at College Road, on Aug. 2.

Defendant was seen by the master of the shop carrying the wood.

On the alarm being raised, accused dropped the wood and ran but was arrested by Police Reserve, No. 94.

ALLEGED LARCENY OF RICE

Holding that there was insufficient evidence to convict, Mr. Anderson yesterday dismissed the case in which Ng So was charged with the larceny of 15 catties of rice, valued at \$2, from the Kowloon Godowns on Saturday.

It was alleged that defendant was seen by an Indian watchman inside the Main Gate of the Godowns carrying a bag of rice.

When questioned, accused was alleged to have stated that he obtained the rice from an American ship.

On the way to the Water Police Station accused was stated to have attempted to run away.

After evidence had been given by Indian watchman No. 21 and Mr. C. P. Fallon of the Kowloon Godowns, defendant stated that he was employed as a casual paint-scraper on board the American ship. He found the rice scattered on the floor of the hold in the ship and swept it together and took it away at the request of one of the men on board the ship.

WIDOW GAOLLED

As a seven-year-old Chinese girl was walking along Canton Road at 10 p.m. on Saturday she was accosted by Chan Kam, 27-year-old widow, and persuaded to enter a nearby house when the widow calmly took off the pair of gold earrings, valued at \$4, which the girl was wearing.

GENERAL

AT KOWLOON

ONCE TOO OFTEN

Tung Kwok-man, went to the flower-market at Boundary Street in the morning of July 30 and saw a woman-hawker with several chickens. He picked up two and, after they had been weighed, told the woman to follow him for the money.

Accompanied by her daughter, the hawker went with Tung to No. 45, Prince Edward Road, where they were asked to wait whilst the customer went upstairs to get the money.

But Tung did not enter any of the floors. He went right up the stairs on to the roof and went down to the street by another stairs. The woman, Yeung Po, after waiting for some time gave up the two chickens, valued at \$3, as a loss.

Two days later, Tung Kwok-man again went to the flower-market. He was recognised by the woman-hawker and arrested.

On his appearing before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday, Tung was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

LARCENY OF ONE CENT

When Tang Hin was charged at the Police Station on Saturday with the larceny of one cent from a hawker, Lo Hau, he alleged that he was collecting the money on behalf of an Indian constable. It was, however, proved that the constable was, on the day in question, in the company of a European detective up to 8.30 p.m. and was, therefore, not on duty at that district.

Tang was fined \$5 or seven days' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

WOMEN SHOPLIFTERS

Pang Fong, Hui Mul, Wu Kam and Ching Kam, all women, were charged before Mr. D.J.N. Anderson with shoplifting and receiving stolen property. Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, stated that the first accused was in a shop at No. 15, Sha Po Road, on Aug. 2.

After she had left, one of the tokens discovered that a thermos flask was missing. She was followed by the foki and the flask was found inside a basket she was carrying.

She brought the foki and the Police to No. 18, Kak Hang Tsun Road, where 19 earthenware bowls 22 pairs wooden clogs and a quantity of salt fish was found.

On information furnished by the second accused, third and fourth defendants were arrested. It was found that larcenies from shops have been going on for some time.

First defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, second to four months on the receiving charge; third, to five months; and fourth, to four months.

BURGLAR SENTENCED

Two months' hard labour was the sentence passed on Chun Chi-sun, by Mr. Anderson yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking into No. 25, Ngai-tsin-wai Road, Kowloon City, at 5 a.m. on Aug. 2.

INDIANS AGAIN REMANDED

On the application of Det.-Insp. R. Cunningham, Gurha Singh, Gurnam Singh and Lachman Singh were again remanded for one week when they appeared before Mr. Anderson yesterday on the charge of demanding from Chung Chiu, of Shantung Street, the sum of \$15 on July 31.

Gurha Singh's application for a reduction of the bail of \$500 each was opposed by Det.-Insp. Cunningham who stated that he had not received any further instructions on this question.

In requesting the prosecuting officer to obtain further instructions, his Worship asked defendants to make another application when the case comes before the Court again.

CANE FOR SNATCHER

Wong Yan, 21, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Anderson yesterday to the charge of having snatched one hand-bag from Hau Hing, married woman, of No. 6, Stafford Road, Kowloon Tong, on Aug. 2.

According to the prosecution, complainant had just alighted from a Route 7 bus at Essex Crescent when defendant came up from behind and snatched the bag.

The complainant raised the alarm and accused was intercepted by an Indian constable.

WIDOW GAOLLED

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The National Government in a mandate, issued yesterday, announced the discharge of Mr. Lin Yen, from his post as Student Comand at the Chinese Consulate-General in Singapore and the appointment of Mr. Li Ning-keung as his successor.

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MODEL PLANE CONTEST ON AUGUST 14

Sponsored by the Hongkong Model Plane Association, the first Model Planes Exhibition Contest in Hongkong is scheduled to take place on Aug. 14, when over ten different types of model planes will be on display.

Entries to the contest must be made before August 10, while the participating planes must be sent to the Association before August 13.

The contesting planes will be exhibited on the show shelves of the China Products Company on Des Voeux Road Central in order to enable them to be viewed by the public.

The Board of Directors of the Association held a meeting this afternoon, at which it was decided to invite General Chen Chin-yun, Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs; General Li Fu-yuan, Mr. Liang Shou-yl and Mr. Huang Shui-hai as judges of the contest.

A Model Planes Flying Contest is also being planned and up to the present more than 100 entries have been received.

Collapse Near A.R.P. Tunnel

A collapse of earth near the A.R.P. underground tunnel at the junction of Wyndham Street and Lower Albert Road occurred yesterday morning shortly after 11 o'clock and resulted in Police closing the road to traffic east and west-bound until further notice.

The alternative routes to the Central Police Station and Hollywood Road are by way of Arbutnott Road and Wellington Street.

Apparently as the result of drilling operations the earth under the ground surface must have been disturbed to some extent and, with the heavy rainfall yesterday, it gave way, creating a hole measuring some 10 to 15 feet wide.

The hole was completely filled in by last night but it is understood that the road is still not in condition to allow traffic to pass.

EDITORIAL

Typhoon Expected To Enter Coast Hundred Miles To West Of Macao

After a five-hour spell of No. 8 signal, the No. 1 signal went up again at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the typhoon, up till then about 100 miles away from Hongkong and expected to enter the coast about 100 miles to the west of Macao some time in the evening, was reported to have veered away sufficiently to constitute no threat to the Colony.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 5, 1941.

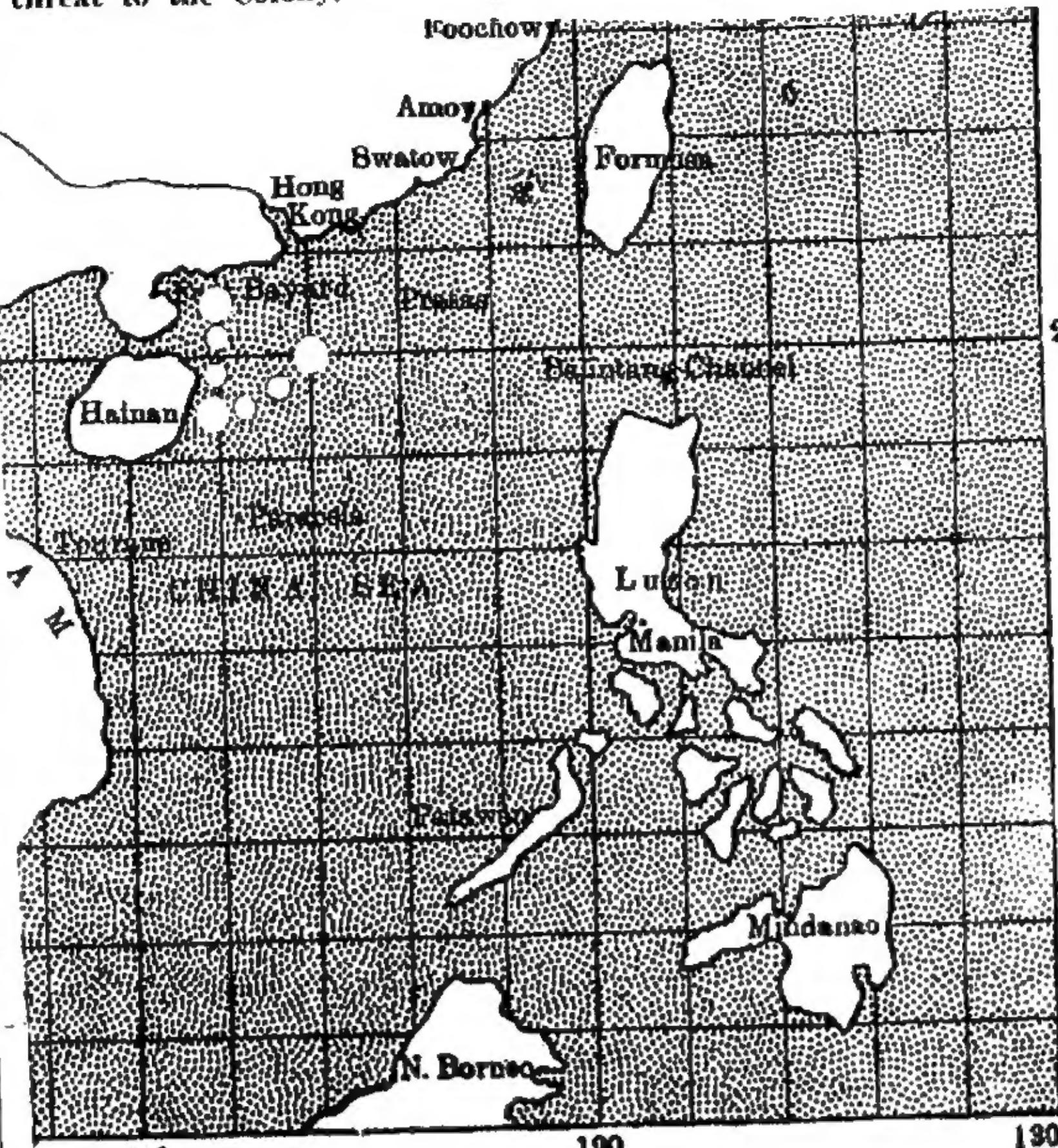
AXIS HURRY

EVIDENCE is continuing to pile up daily showing how the time factor is beginning to militate more and more against the Axis plans. Both in the west and the east, the Axis partners are making strenuous efforts to bring about some decisive achievement in order to relieve the heavy demands which have been made on their time and resources. In Europe, the failure of Herr Hitler's blitz against Soviet Russia is undoubtedly the most disturbing issue the Nazis have ever faced in the present hostilities. After six weeks of the fiercest fighting in the war, Herr Hitler has gained nothing for the huge sacrifices he has made in time, men and material. At the time that he decided, against the better judgment of his military advisors, to attack Russia, it was difficult to understand what had impelled him to make this move. In the view of political and military experts, he had a better chance of obtaining what he needed from Soviet Russia if he had attempted to strengthen his friendship pact with the Kremlin dictator, instead of resorting to force. Why did he decide on the latter course?

THE ANSWER is pretty clear today—it was the time factor. Herr Hitler believed that negotiations to bring about an arrangement by which he could make use of Russian resources and territory would have to be protracted and delay was becoming a nightmare to himself and his people. He, therefore, staked everything on a gambler's throw, hoping to get his requirements in half the time that negotiations would take. That he blundered badly is pretty evident today. Instead of saving time in replenishing his reserves of oil and other essential war supplies, he has been forced to expend a very large portion of his reserve stocks, in addition to weakening the power of his war machine. Held up along the whole eastern front now, he has turned desperately to the other avenues left open to him for help. Apart from ordering his Italian puppet to send military reinforcements to the Russian front to assist his faltering ranks there, he has again directed his brow-beating tactics to Vichy and his Far East partner to help him out of his predicament.

IN THE FAR EAST, where he has undoubtedly been most insistent on Japanese assistance to divert British and American attention from the west, events have also moved in a hurry. The occupation of the whole of Indo-China has reacted unfavourably for Japan. The British and American economic reprisals have placed Japan in a similar position to Germany, because, while her economic position may be strong enough for a time, she must seek replenishment before they run out, seeing that American and British markets are now barred to her. The situation is, indeed, more acute for Japan, since she still has a big army bogged down in China and is obliged to withdraw to the south. The situation is, indeed, more acute for Japan, since she still has a big army bogged down in China and is obliged to withdraw to the south.

WHAT he wants of Vichy is obvious—the French Fleet and France's African colonies. Evidently Admiral Darlan has not been able to bring about this additional measure of "collaboration" and appears now to have fallen from grace. On Herr Hitler's orders, therefore, a campaign has now been let loose against Vichy for the reinstatement of M. Laval, through whom Herr Hitler believes he can get better results. Reports, though unconfirmed, speak of an ultimatum having been delivered to Vichy with fresh demands, these including the handing over of the fleet and the right to occupy Dakar and French Morocco. Mar-



The typhoon formed in the China Sea about 150 miles due south of Hongkong in the early hours of Sunday morning. It started moving westward toward Hainan at 6 a.m. yesterday was about 200 miles S.S.W. of the Colony.

It then slowed down and recurred northward. At 6 a.m. yesterday it was situated about 120 miles S.W. of Hongkong, moving slowly northward.

At 2 p.m. yesterday, it was reported about 150 miles W.S.W. of the Colony, moving N.N.W. or N.W. and was expected to enter the coast about 100 miles to the west

again. No. 8 signal was replaced by No. 1 signal at 4:45 p.m. when the Royal Observatory stated that the immediate danger was past. The strongest gale recorded was one of 50 m.p.h. velocity at 10:45 a.m. yesterday. Rainfall yesterday up to noon totalled 4.1 inches. There was considerably less rain in the afternoon.

SIX DROWNED
At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, during a heavy squall, a cargo junk, with a crew of eight, capsized in the vicinity of Lo Fu Shan, as a result of which six persons were drowned. All the cargo was lost. Lo Wan, one of the crew, together with a child of eight were rescued by Hoklo fishing craft which were nearby. No trace of the six missing persons could be made.

INDIAN CHIEF REMEMBERED

CAMDEN, S. C.—The famous iron figure of King Haigler, which has been one of the leading attractions of Camden for more than a century, has been "dressed up" by the citizens, who cannot forget the one-time King of the Catawba Indians and friend of the white man.

The statue of the Indian chief,

who was a frequent visitor

to Camden between 1750 and 1763

and the dome of the City Hall building, where he stands, have been finished in silver and bronze. The population in a blaze of reflected lights, so that the landmark can be seen for many miles in all directions.

J. H. Mathieu, a Frenchman who

lived in Camden from 1815 until

1834, made the statue, five feet

and one inch high. It was put

atop the new market steeple in

1820, was moved to another steeple further up town in 1858, and in

1886 was transferred to the City Hall tower.

As a measure to utilize all

available manpower for the reinvigoration of war effort, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has issued a circular message urging women's participation in farming so that food production may be stepped up. It is learned that the various women organizations in the provinces will take the lead in promoting this movement.

NEWSSETTES

An "Open Night" was held by members of the St. Andrew's Club at the Church hall last night. The function was fairly well attended.

The engagement is announced of Michael V. Hermann, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, the only son of Mrs. O. M. Hermann, of Shanghai, and Miss Mousa N. Medvedeff, the only daughter of Mr. N. P. Medvedeff of Shanghai.

Rice riots have broken out at Taliung, a Japanese-occupied town in the Shantak district, owing to the costliness of the staple food. The Japanese have declared martial law as a precaution.

With a view to training competent policemen, the Honan provincial authorities have decided to establish a Police Training Institute with Mr. Fang Cha, the Civil Affairs Commissioner as concurrently president. The institute will open on September 1.

The Honan Land Tax Administration Bureau has been formally inaugurated with Mr. Peng Yo-ise, Finance Commissioner, as concurrently director.

To develop secondary education, the Kwangsi Provincial Government has petitioned the Ministry of Education to establish more high schools in the province. It is understood that the Ministry is considering the matter.

The Yunnan Land Tax Administration Bureau was formally established recently with Mr. Hsieh Chu-jen, Commissioner of Finance of the Yunnan Provincial Government, acting concurrently as Director.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by O. Eager, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Reserve). CHINESE COMPANY

Appointments. The undemanded Constables have been appointed to the rank of Acting Lance Sergeant, as from July 22, 1941.—Constables (R) 19 Joseph C. K. Wong, (R) 27 Wong King Luk, (R) 49 Andrew Siu and (R) 189 Tsang Kwong Luk.

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 17:30 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II. Constable (R) 34 Lam Wai Man has qualified in Part II of Training Course, as from July 25, 1941.

Training Course—Part III. Constable (R) 34 Lam Wai Man has qualified in Part III of Training Course, as from July 27, 1941.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company will parade on Wednesday Aug. 6 for inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander at Murray Parade Ground at 17:30 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend at No. 20 Ice House Street on Friday, August 6 at 17:30 hours for instruction in Part II of Training Course under Sub Inspector (R) Imám Dín.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

MOTOR PATROL UNIT

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, August 6 at 17:30 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Police Training School, Kowloon for instruction in Part II of Training Course on Thursday, Friday and Monday, Aug. 7, 8, and 11, at 10:00 hours sharp. Dress—Optional.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground on Wednesday, August 6 at 17:30 hours for instruction in Part I of Training Course. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

N.C.O.'s Meeting. An N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at Reserve Headquarters on Friday, Aug. 8 at 17:30 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

ADJUTANT POLICE RESERVE

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W. R. CHESTERWOODS.

Hongkong, Aug. 4, 1941.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1941.

IMPERIAL WAR CABINET & ITS FUNCTIONS: IS SUCH A BODY NECESSARY TODAY?

IS AN IMPERIAL WAR CABINET NECESSARY TODAY TO DIRECT BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT? SIR ALFRED ZIMMERN, Professor of International Relations at Oxford University, discussed this question when he broadcast from London yesterday and made an interesting reference to the functions of the Imperial Cabinet in the last war.

"A body known as the Imperial War Cabinet was formed by Mr. Lloyd George in 1917," began Sir Alfred. "It held three meetings in 1917 and two in the summer and autumn of 1918 which lasted several weeks.

"It was composed of the Prime Ministers of Great Britain and the Overseas Dominions, together with the Secretary of State for India. At two or three sessions two Indian members, one representing British India and the other the Indian States, were also present. While it was in session the Imperial War Cabinet was the framework of British Imperial policy.

ANOTHER BODY

"Another body was also meeting in London at the same time—the Imperial War Conference. Its membership was the same as the War Cabinet, except that the chair was occupied not by the Prime Minister, but by a Minister corresponding to the present Dominions Secretary, who was still at that time known as the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"The Imperial War Conference did not concern itself with the war, but with Imperial questions and when we look back in perspective, we see that in actual fact it was the Imperial Conference rather than the Imperial Cabinet that proved to be a factor in framing Empire policy.

"It was the Imperial Conference that passed a resolution which paved the way for better Imperial equality and so led up to the Balfour Report of 1926 and the Statute of Westminster and its machinery of today. In 1917, however, the idea that Great Britain might have representatives in Overseas capitals had not yet dawned on the imagination of Whitehall.

MISSING TERM

"Now let us consider the question of the value of an Imperial War Cabinet," continued Sir Alfred. The term Imperial Cabinet is highly misleading. A Cabinet is a body of Ministers who together form the executive branch of the Government. But the Imperial Cabinet of 1917 was a meeting representing a number of different Governments. In other words, the Imperial War Cabinet was, constitutionally speaking, not a Cabinet at all, but a conference.

"It differed from the Imperial Conference not in constitutional make-up, but simply in agenda and the scope of its work. The so-called Cabinet dealt with external affairs, while the Conference, properly so-called, dealt with Imperial affairs.

"Would there be any advantage in bringing an Imperial Cabinet of this kind into being today?" asked Sir Alfred. "I have already suggested that there would be less advantage than there was in 1917, firstly, because the principle of equality is now established and secondly, because there exists to-day the machinery of consultation which has been set up and improved upon during a number of years.

"The High Commissioners are in regular and daily contact with the Government in Great Britain. They give the fullest information by daily and hourly reports to their own Governments. Let us, therefore, face up to the realities of the position.

"The British Commonwealth is not a Central Government and there is no possible means by which such a Government can be improvised. The present War Cabinet is responsible to the House of Commons and if we want to have a real Imperial Cabinet we must have a real Imperial Government, to which it is responsible.

INTERESTING SUGGESTION

"Please do not imagine that I am advocating Imperial separation," continued Sir Alfred. "I am simply pursuing the present constitutional argument to its logical sequence.

"One suggestion, however, has been made that deserves brief mention.

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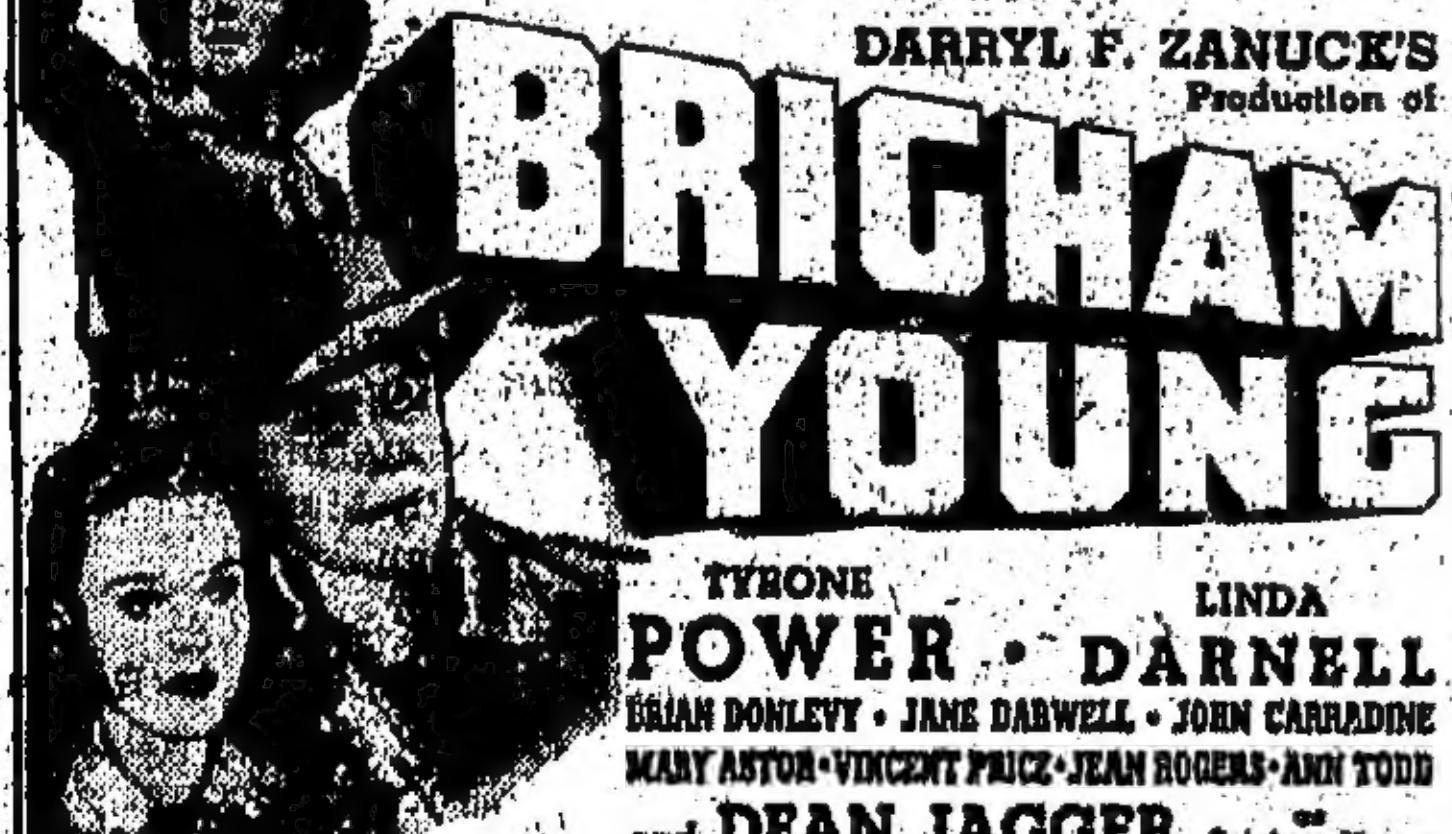
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V.R.C. Gala for Schools, final meeting of Committees, 8 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.
Meeting of Little Flower Club, King's Park, 6 p.m.
Floodlight Bowls at Ming Yuen, 8 p.m.
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Prayer and Fellowship Meeting, S. & S. Home, 8.30 p.m.
6-Tides: High 9.18 a.m. and 11.04 p.m.
Low 2.27 a.m. and 4.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 8.02 p.m.
St. Andrew's Fellowship Social, 2.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Ching Wing Swimming Union Gala, Chinese Y".
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
European YMCA War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.
7-Tides: High 10.06 a.m. & 11.39 p.m.
Low 3.16 a.m. & 4.53 p.m.
Legislative Council Meeting, Council Chambers
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Moonlight Bathing Picnic, 8.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Bridal and Mahjong
8-Tides: High 10.47 a.m. & 12.14 p.m.
Low 3.59 a.m. & 5.28 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Wartime Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club Moonlight Bathing Picnic, 8.30 p.m.
Annual General meeting of British Legion, Jardine Matheson & Co. Co. Board Edm., 5.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis
9-Tides: High 11.29 a.m. & 12.47 p.m.
Low 4.44 a.m. & 5.59 p.m.
Triangular Swimming Gala in Aid of Chinese Medical Relief Fund, C.B.C. North Point, 7.15 p.m.
10-Tides: High 12.0 a.m. Low 5.27 a.m. and 6.34 p.m.
Memorial Service for late Mr. Lofel Pal-hung Confucius Hall.
11-Tides: High 1.20 p.m. & 12.13 p.m.
Low 6.11 a.m. and 7.06 p.m.
12-Tides: High 1.52 a.m. and 1.16 p.m.
Low 6.55 a.m. and 7.36 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

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GERMAN OFFICIALS LEAVE IRAN

CAIRO, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — It is learned that the German military attache in Teheran, accompanied by two German Foreign Office officials, reached Ankara from Iran yesterday. Presumably they are en route to Germany.

They crossed the frontier from Iran to Erzerum in the middle of last week.

Heavy R.A.F. Bombers Raid Heart Of Berlin

FIRE WHICH "HEAVED LIKE A VOLCANO" REPORTED BY CREWS

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — A strong force of two and four-engined bombers attacked the heart of Berlin on Saturday night dropping Britain's heaviest bombs. In giving this news the Air Ministry news service said that Berlin's winter had begun in earnest as there were already enough hours of darkness to bring a really strong force of bombers over the German capital. The German radio's description of this heavy attack as the work of only a few isolated aircraft suggests that the enemy has to live by the anticipation of how much more can be done when there is yet more darkness.

Though cloudy over the North Sea the sky was clear over Central Germany and while the moon was setting and gave no help to the British aircraft as they approached, flares revealed many landmarks to the crews and they aimed their heaviest bombs at the heart of Berlin.

The attack was made from all directions and as soon as the first bomb had fallen gunfire began. Berlin had greatly increased the number of searchlights.

The pilot of a Stirling four-engined bomber said: "We saw searchlights when we were forty miles from Berlin. We sneaked in between them, arrived over the outskirts of Berlin at 1.30 a.m. and bombed at 1.54 a.m. In that time we had made a circular tour most of Central Berlin."

"There were a good number of bombers over the city at the same time as ourselves, so the ground defences could not concentrate on one aircraft. Flying around we saw a lot of incendiaries go down in the west of the city."

"Our own bombs burst on the meeting point of two sets of railway lines. My rear-gunner said that he could see the lines quite clearly in the light of the bomb flashes."

NEW BOMBS

"As we were coming away we saw one of the new bombs go off. I had never seen one before. I caught sight of the explosion out of the corner of my eye and when I first saw it I thought it was a flare about 1,000 feet away, then I realised that it was far below on the ground. My rear-gunner called to me to tell me that he had a full view of it. It was terrific, he said, I think we gave the Germans their money's worth all right."

One of the new bombs was carried in an aircraft piloted by a Wing-Commander, who went to Berlin on Saturday to celebrate, as he put it, the conclusion of five months' command of a bomber squadron.

A few hours after the attack, he handed over to his successor and took up his new job as ground captain commanding a bomber station. He said: "I did not know when I would be able to have another crack at the enemy, and the chance was too good to miss. I was not disappointed. It was a

RUSSIAN SPIRIT UNDAUNTED

IZVESTIA REVIEWS WAR SITUATION

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — The struggle of the Fascist hordes is entering a new phase of violent and decisive battles but it is already manifest that Hitler's blitzkrieg trump, on which he has staked everything, is beaten," writes the official organ Izvestia yesterday, reviewing the situation on the eastern front.

"We are not yet saying that the German Fascist army is smashed," frankly says the paper. "The enemy is still strong. Despite huge losses of manpower and equipment, he is still striving to invade new territories. Our troops give way to the Fascist tank units and cut them off from the infantry. The Red Army annihilates the enemy infantry and our air force smashes his tank units. PARACHUTISTS EXTERMINATED

"Parachute troops are usually exterminated where they land. Several times following his favourite methods, the enemy attempted to surround some Red Army units and formations, but they valiantly broke through the encirclement and, by skilful manoeuvre, themselves surrounded and annihilated the enemy. The Red Army has learned to smash the enemy."

"Our resistance is growing and gaining strength. Fresh Red Army forces continuously come into line; their courage and valour are unlimited. Forty days of war have enriched the high qualities of the Soviet warriors with wonderful practical fighting experience."

GERMAN HIGH COMMAND PREPARING

THIRD BLITZKRIEG TO BREAK RUSSIAN ARMIES

Nazis Attempting Diversion With Big Thrust On Odessa

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — The German High Command is preparing for a third blitzkrieg in an attempt to break down the terrific resistance of the Soviet armies.

These preparations account for the more stabilised line which has been the feature of the eastern campaign for the past week. It is considered that this third push by the Nazis may be the turning point in the war with conditions favouring the Soviets.

Unlike the enemies' Soviet lines of communications are being well maintained at the moment and if they keep these lines intact, the advantage should be on their side when the third test comes.

One situation which can be foreseen is that of the German Army being bogged in the Russian winter. This might happen if the third blitzkrieg, which is now being planned, proves vulnerable to constant attacks from the Russians who are naturally accustomed to the severe Russian winter.

REAR THREATENED

A claim that large Soviet forces are threatened from the rear in the fighting between the Dniester and Bug Rivers is made in a communiqué from the Rumanian General Staff transmitted to Rome.

The communiqué states that German and Rumanian troops have continued their advance between the Dniester and Bug Rivers. Motorised troops in this sector have penetrated deeply into the Soviet lines and threaten from the rear large enemy forces.

An encircling manoeuvre which puts the Soviet forces in a serious position is developing, adds the communiqué.

DRIVE ON ODESSA

ZURICH, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — Held up before Kiev, the Germans are attempting a diversion in the direction of the Black Sea port of Odessa, according to Berlin reports received here yesterday.

Interest in Berlin is now concentrated on this southern front says the Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten. German military circles claim that in the extreme south, the combined German-Rumanian force ordered to strike at Odessa direct, has crossed the River Dniester at several points near its mouth.

Further north, the troops who crossed the river opposite Kishinev are reported to be wheeling toward the south-east to join in the thrust.

BATTLE OF ANNihilation

"The battle of annihilation," recently mentioned by the Germans as taking place 150 miles south of Kiev, is assumed to be connected with the Odessa drive.

Reports of new battle south of Kiev also show that "as no notable territorial gains could be made in a direct attack on Kiev from the west, the Germans are hoping to relieve the situation by bringing fresh pressure to bear from the south."

Commenting on the "unrelenting severity of the fighting" on the Russian front, the correspondent says: "Reports of Russian counter-attacks and relief offensives show that there has been no relaxation in the fighting power of will to resistance on the enemy's side."

MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — The Soviet Information Bureau issued the following communiqué last night:

"On August 3 fighting continued in the Smolensk, Korosten, Belyaev and Tserkvi sectors. On the remaining sectors of the front there were no significant changes.

"Our air force, in co-operation with land troops, continued to deal blows to enemy motorised and mechanised troops, infantry and artillery.

"During August 2 our air force destroyed in air combats 31 enemy planes. We lost 10 planes. During a raid of German planes on Moscow on the night of August 2, two German planes were brought down. Our air force sustained no losses.

U-BOAT SUNK

"A German submarine was sunk in the Baltic Sea.

"It has been established that in a raid by our planes on Constanta port on the night of August 1/2, bombs hit a floating dock with an enemy destroyer and ships lying in the harbour.

"A Soviet submarine in the vicinity of the Norwegian port of Vardo sank a German steamer of 8,000 tons. The steamer was carrying arms and ammunition for the German-Finnish army."

BRITISH NAVAL FORCES REPORTED IN ARCTIC

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — The presence of large British naval forces in the Arctic combined with big Russian troop concentrations is reported by the Finnish Press which suggests that this indicates that the British bombing of Petsamo was not an isolated attack but part of a British-Russian plan for large-scale comprehensive operations.

Russian activity on the entire Finnish front is increasing, according to Finnish reports particularly in the north of Lake Ladoga where the Russians are repeatedly attacking.

The Finns admit that Sordavala is still in Russian hands though it is under fire by Finnish artillery from nearby islands. They believe that the Russian decision to defend Sordavala strongly is due to the necessity to protect the route of evacuation via the Isthmus

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SIMLA, Aug. 4 (Reuter) — Fourteen sittings are provided for the autumn session of the Central Legislative Assembly, commencing on October 27. This will be the first session in which the recently appointed non-official members of the Viceroy's Executive Council will be participating in an official capacity.

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Chinese Press Hails U.S. Oil Embargo

While hailing the American oil embargo against Japan as a welcome move, the local Chinese Press urges that it should be thoroughly enforced.

The TA KUNG PAO describes the oil ban as America's most forceful action against the Far Eastern aggressor so far. It urges the United States not to relax her pressure upon the aggressor but makes full use of her powerful economic weapon.

The LIH PAO counsels strict enforcement of the oil embargo against Japan as any concessions or compromise midway will produce ill effects.

The WAH KIU YAT PO says that despite the oil embargo, the United States still leaves the door open for Japan's co-operation. If Japan severs relations with the Axis and joins the anti-aggression front, then she will not be subjected to the restrictions of the oil embargo order and can secure oil supply from the United States as hitherto. However, the paper is skeptical about any such abrupt awakening on the part of the Japanese militarists.

The WAH TSZ YAT PO predicts that consequent upon the United States oil embargo, Japanese-American relations will become more strained and the Far Eastern situation more tense than ever. It urges close collaboration between China, Britain and the United States and fostering of a stronger force against Japan.

The KUNG SHEUNG DAILY NEWS says that the effectiveness of the American economic sanctions depends to large extent upon whether the Netherlands East Indies will follow the lead of the United States and place an embargo on oil shipments to Japan and how the United States will treat the foreign exchange obtained by Japan from her export to America.

The paper believes that Japan is approaching her doom. Her military

U.S.-JAPAN BARTER ARRANGEMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (Reuter)

The opinion that the United States could work out a barter arrangement in order to continue trade with Japan, "if Japan engages in no further aggression," was expressed by Senator George. Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at a Press conference yesterday.

Senator George said that the Administration's economic steps against Japan "seemed to be moving in the general direction of complete severance of trade relations," but added that "there was still a hope, however slight, that Japan may stop her course of aggression."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)
AUGUST 3, 1941

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale	
Allis Chalmers	74	Aug. 2	Johns Manville	652
Allegany Steel Co.	244		Kennecott Copper	384
Amer. Car	30		Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	284
Amer. Cyanamide B.	394		Lockheed Aircraft	288
Amer. & Foreign Power	7		Loew's Inc.	334
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pt.	234		Martin, Glen L. Co.	294
Amer. Locomotive Co.	144		Montgomery Ward	348
Amer. Metals	184		National Aviation	94
Amer. Radiator	64		Nat. Dairy Products	148
Amer. Rolling Mill	15		National Distillers	224
Amer. Sting & R'ing Co.	—		Nat. Power & Light	52
Amer. Sugar Refining	194		National Supply Corp.	78
Amer. Tel & Tel.	154		New York Central	134
Amer. Tobacco "B"	73		Niagara Hudson Power	26
Amer. Waterworks	47		N. American Aviation	164
Anacunda Copper	234		North American Co. (New)	134
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	204		Northern Pacific	94
Aviation Corp.	38		Parkard Motors	34
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	154		Paramount Pictures	134
Baltimore & Ohio	54		Pennsylvania R.R.	244
Barnsdall Oil	94		Phillips Petroleum	454
Bendix Aviation	984		Pullman Inc.	284
Bethlehem Steel	75		Pure Oil	94
Biss & Co., E.W. (com.)	168		Radio Corp. of Am.	44
Boeing Airplane Co.	181		Reading Company, Com	184
Borg-Warner	198		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44
Briggs Mfg. Co.	194		Republic Aviation Corp.	34
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	44*		Republic Steel	20
Canadian Pacific	6		Reynold Tobac. "B"	324
Celanese Corp.	284		Schenley Distillers	14
Chesapeake & Ohio	38		Shell Union Oil	158
Chrysler	564		Soco-Vacuum Oil	94
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3		Southern Ry \$5 pf.	314
Commercial Credit Co.	244		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	378*
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	7/16		Standard Brands	54
Consolidated Edison Co.	19		Standard Gas & Elec.	178*
Consolidated Oil	64		Standard Oil of N.J.	—
Copperweld Steel	104		Studebaker Corp.	64
Curtiss Wright (C.)	94		Swift International	224
Distillers Corp. (Seagrams)	16		Douglas Aircraft	74
Du Pont de Nemours	1584		Technicolor	—
Eagle Picher Lead	94		Texas Corp.	—
Elec. Autolite Co.	29		Trans-America Co.	44
Elec. Bond & Share	28		20th Cent. Fox Film, Com.	74
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	404		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	113
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	544*		Union Pacific	824
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	344*		United Aircraft	414
Flintkote	148*		United Airlines Trans.	114
Gen. Electric	32		United Corp.	8
Gen. Motors	384		United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	234
Gen. Railway Signal	144*		United Gas Improvement	78
Gen. Tire & Rubber	134		U.S. Rubber	244
Goodrich (H.F.)	19		U.S. Steel	584
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	194*		Vanadium	28*
Great Northern Iron Ore	174		Vultee Aircraft	74
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	274		Walworth Co.	55
Great Western Sugar	274		Warner Bros. Pict.	54
Inter. Nickel	204		Westinghouse Elec.	204
Inter. Paper & Power	174		Woodward Iron Cor.	274
Int. Tel. & Tel. (Dom. Is.)	24		Chase National Bank	214
			National City Bank	274
			Libby, McNeil:	—

DOW JONES AVERAGE

High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Aug. 1, High	Low	Close	Change
123.50	110.30	90 Industrials	158.58	138.09	138.08	+18.91
30.88	29.54	20 Railroads	30.88	29.04	29.71	-0.70
80.06	77.33	16 Utilities	18.08	16.01	16.58	+16.00
62.10	60.50	40 Bonds	91.88	90.00	91.03	+0.40
77.48	66.41	Commodity Index	78.04	76.00	76.00	—

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AUGUST 2, 1941

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Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 460

On Singapore:—
On demand 52 3/4

On Japan:—
On demand 102 1/4

On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8
and demand 82 5/8

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 15/16

Credits, 60 days' sight 25 5/8

On Batavia:—
On demand 46 3/4

On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.

Credits 4 months' sight Nom.

On Saigon:—
On demand 107 1/2

On Manila:—
On demand 49 7/8

On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2

On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.

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MISSIONARY TRANSPORT UNIT

A motor caravan of nine brand new Ford trucks belonging to the Seventh Day Adventist Mission arrived in Chungking yesterday from Rangoon by the Burma Road after a five-week uneventful trip, carrying medical supplies and Christian literature and school books for several missions in Free China, including the American Bible Society, the Lutheran Mission and the Swedish Red Cross.

Mr. Z. H. Coberly, leader of the caravan, reported that the road is in good condition and usable despite the rainy season. "I was surprised to find the Burma Road as good as it is," he said, adding that the road is well-garrisoned.

He said that a party of six was held up at Lashio due to heavy rains, otherwise the caravan could have reached Chungking in three weeks.

SANATORIUM WRECKED

The main building of the Wuhan Sanatorium of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission here was completely wrecked during the Japanese air raid over Chungking last Wednesday.

According to Mr. E. L. Longway, West China head of the Mission, a heavy bomb landed squarely on the building when the last of five waves of raiders attacked the city. The loss is estimated at \$80,000, including an X-ray outfit which was the best in Free China.

The Wuhan Sanatorium was removed from Wuchang to Chungking before Hankow fell in Oct., 1938. (Central News).

ACE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT

MR. LELAND STOWE FOR CHUNGKING

WASHINGTON. (By Clipper) — That Free China is still regarded as an important news centre despite the intensification of the European war is evidenced by the news that the well-known Chicago Daily News is sending one of its crack correspondents, Mr. Leland Stowe, to cover Chungking.

Mr. Stowe who made headlines with his first witness-account of the fall of Norway is leaving San Francisco by Clipper on July 29 for Singapore whence he will proceed to Chungking by way of the Burma Road. He told the Central News representative that he expected to spend 18 months or more in China and the Far East, with a possible visit to the Dutch East Indies and Indo-China.

WORLD SCOOP

White-haired but still young, soft-spoken Mr. Stowe expressed great enthusiasm over his new assignment. Since his return from Europe he has been lecturing and radiocasting, having recently completed a book on his adventures in the war zones.

For his world scoop he was recently awarded the Medal for Distinguished Service by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri at the same time the Ta Kung Pao was honoured. — (Central).

UNITY CALL FOR MERCANTILES

"It is essential that a business community should be completely united if it is to protect its rights and that the various Indian Chambers of Commerce in this country should form into a federation so as to be in a position to speak with one voice," was the advice given by Sir R.K. Shanmukham Chetty speaking at the tea party given to him by the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore.

Sir Shanmukham said that he was very glad to have had the opportunity of meeting members of the Indian mercantile community, not only because he was going as Mr. Jumabhoy had said on an important mission to America, but because he himself was a member of the mercantile com-

munity. "If the interests of the Indian mercantile community are to be protected in a foreign country there should be one hundred per cent co-operation and I hope that the members of the mercantile community will not lose sight of that fact," stated Sir R. K. Shanmukham.

Although the Indians had established their business connexions in this country many years ago, they should not forget that the economic factor played a most important part today, whether in the various measures of taxation or whether in the legislative or administrative measures of any government.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

It would be seen that the greater part of the activity of any Government was connected with economic problems. If the mercantile community was not really awake then there was danger of encroachment on its rights.

The speaker hoped that they would spare no pains to create one central organisation to which all the various mercantile associations and chambers could be affiliated.

Mr. R. Jumabhoy, the president of the chamber, thanked Sir Shanmukham for accepting their invitation and said that Sir Shanmukham would be glad to hear that members of the chamber handled 90 per cent of the Indo-Malayan import and export trade.

KWANGCHOWWAN CUSTOMS

JAPANESE SEIZURE REPORTED

According to a report in the TA KUNG FAO yesterday, the Japanese seized the Customs and the Water Preventive Service in Kwangchowwan and began rigorous examinations of the goods passing through there on August 1.

The police force in the port however, has not yet been seized though the Japanese have demanded the French authorities to hand it over to them.

Two Japanese war vessels, heavily loaded with troops, are now anchored off Kwangchowwan, the report further revealed. Preparing to meet any emergency, the Chinese are evacuating the port and transporting away their goods.

Chekhan, the Chinese town bordering on the French leased territory, remains calm. — (Central).

RELIEF OF MONGOL REFUGEES

YULIN, Aug. 4 (Central) — Relief funds remitted by the National Government were distributed to the Mongol refugees in the West Banner of the Orlanchab League in Suyuan recently under the supervision of Lieut-General Chen Yu-chia, Commander of the guerrillas in the Mongolian areas. An adult received \$10 and a child \$7.

The West Banner invaded by the Japanese in May last year. Large numbers of Mongols were reduced to destitution, while others were induced to serve in the puppet government service and the puppet army. Large numbers of the latter have since deserted the Japanese and returned. The latest group fled back from Pailingmiao.

During his tour in the Mongolian areas in Suyuan recently Lieut-General Chen Yu-chia upon arrival at each place summoned the Mongols and lamas and harangued them on the importance of their support of the war of resistance and confidence in China's ultimate victory. He also informed them of the National Government's concern over their conditions.

BALLOON BOATS

Ships which carry nothing but barrage balloons are the latest branch of Britain's Royal Navy. Dotted among convoys as they move through the channel and North Sea, these ships fly their balloons at considerable lengths of cable and as in London, the balloons help to keep off diving attacks by the enemy.

A barge once used to carry balloons up and down the Thames, now carries the balloons between their shore station and the ships which are to fly them.

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From 5 to 11 Aug. 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time			
Tues.	5	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		07 25	7 2	06 34	3 2
		21 22	4 5	14 37	0 9
Wed.	6	08 18	7 4	01 27	3 2
		23 06	4 6	16 18	0 6
Thu.	7	09 06	7 4	02 16	3 2
		23 3	4 7	15 53	0 6
Fri.	8	09 47	7 4	03 59	2 9
		23 14	4 6	16 28	0 8
Sat.	9	10 29	7 1	03 44	2 7
		23 47	5 1	16 59	1 1
Sun.	10	11 07	6 7	04 27	2 7
		—	—	17 34	1 4
Mon.	11	00 50	5 1	05 11	2 7
		11 45	6 3	16 06	1 7

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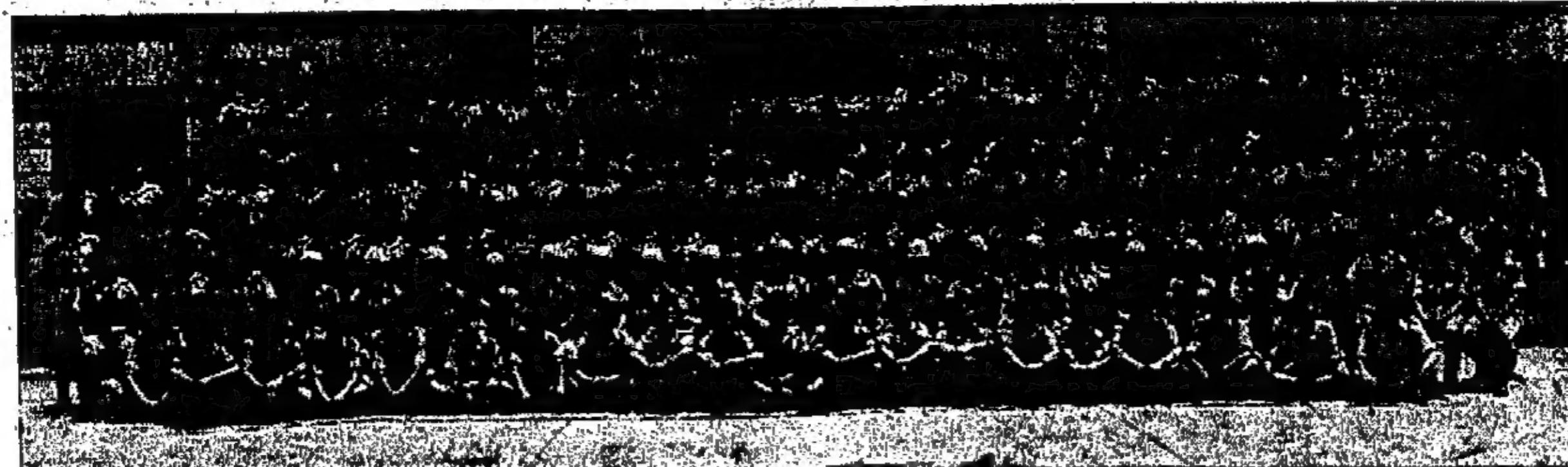
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JUBILEE OF CHINESE SAPPERS



Group picture at Wellington Barracks on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the enlistment of the first Chinese Sapper into the Corps of Royal Engineers.—(King's Studio).

JAPANESE BOMB HUNAN TOWNS

EXPLOSIVES DUMPED ON HENGYANG

HENGYANG, Aug. 4 (Central)—Important towns in west and south Hunan were subjected to devastating bombings by a total of 71 Japanese bombers in five groups yesterday morning.

Twenty-six machines raided Hengyang around noon dumping a number of bombs on both the east and west banks of the Siang River.

Meanwhile, 45 other aircraft bombed Changsha, Siangtan, Chuchow, Liang and Chinkiang.

A Japanese scouting plane passed over Hunan heading for Kwangsi to conduct reconnaissance there early in the morning.

BORDER FIGHTING
CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Central)—Brisk fighting is raging in the Peiping-Hankow Railway zone near the Honan Hupeh border, where the Japanese driving toward Yen-tsewo and Chiangchuan from Klikungshan are encountering tenacious Chinese resistance, according to field despatches.

A Japanese column pushing toward Huangchiachang from Kuochiachung has been intercepted by the Chinese on the way and fighting is proceeding there.

JAPANESE ROUTED

Meanwhile, a Japanese force attacking in the vicinity of Liangshuihsien has been decimated. The survivors are now fleeing in the direction of Klikungshan and Sulien.

Fighting has again flared up in south Anhwei, where the Japanese near Tungliu, above Kweichih, launched drives toward the south, west and east yesterday. They are now engaged by the Chinese.

SURPRISE ATTACK IN HUPEH

CHANGTEH, Aug. 4 (Central)—Chinese forces staged a surprise attack on Klangkow, on the north bank of the Yangtze River northwest of Kinghow in central Hupeh, and set fire to the Japanese barracks and supply depots there early yesterday morning.

The Japanese, who were awoken from their slumber, were thrown into confusion, sustaining heavy casualties.

Japanese reinforcements rushing from nearby points were engaged by the Chinese to the west of Klangkow.

The fires in Klangkow were still burning at noon yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Japanese attacking points north-east of Ichang were defeated by the Chinese.

Japanese counter attacks, supported by heavy artillery and planes were repelled with severe losses.

The enemy is now reported in full retreat with the Chinese following in hot pursuit.

GUERRILLAS RAID JAP. BARRACKS

SHIUKWAN, Aug. 4 (Central)—Chinese forces recaptured Chaoyang, important east Kwangtung city, on August 1, according to an urgent military despatch from the front. The Japanese there have withdrawn in the direction of Swatow.

GUERRILLAS BUSY

CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Central)—According to a Shanghai dispatch quoting recent arrivals from Hangchow, communication on the Chowwangmiao-Liping section of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway has been disrupted due to sabotage activities of Chinese guerrillas.

The arrivals said that passengers from Shanghai to Hangchow were obliged to get off at Chowwangmiao and to walk to Liping in order to take another train to Hangchow.

Due to extensive destruction of the tracks, repairs undertaken by the Japanese are still not yet completed.

U.S. MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR FREE CHINA

To meet urgent needs in Free China two American relief organisations, the American Red Cross and the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China are rushing to Chungking by quickest means over U.S. \$1,200,000 worth of medical supplies and funds.

Mr. Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, announced that his organisation has just purchased an additional \$1,000,000 worth of medical supplies for Free China, including 200,000 tablets of Atabrine for malarial which are being flown by a Clipper plane from Hawaii to Chungking. The American Red Cross war relief operations in China now total more than U.S. \$3,500,000.

Meanwhile, the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China has authorised the expenditure of U.S. \$228,721 for the support of medical training schools and hospitals in Free China, said Dr. Donald D. Van Slyke, president of the Bureau.

A SHORTAGE

The announcement stated that there is a shortage of doctors in China as well as equipment and ambulance drivers, pharmacists and mechanics. Dr. Van Slyke said he hoped specialists such as orthopaedic surgeons, public health specialists and technicians would volunteer for service in Free China.

Of the above sum, \$52,928 will go to the support of the Central Emergency Medical Training School at Kweiyang, \$8,980 to the Central Orthopaedic Hospital at Kweiyang and \$10,000 to build and support an army nurses' training school at the same place, which is the headquarters for the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Corps.

An additional \$3,500 will be used to purchase machine tools for the workshops of the transport section of the corps.

The \$45,000 received through the China Emergency Relief Committee of which Pearl Buck is chairman, will be spent for pharmaceuticals.

From the proceeds of the San Francisco's "Bowl of Rice" Party \$87,000 will be spent to support and equip two branch medical training schools and \$10,348 for the two branch orthopaedic hospitals.

The bureau will forward \$5,000 to Madame Chiang Kai-shek for construction of a first aid station for air raid victims in Chungking.

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SLIT MAKES RIVER RUN FASTER

Pasadena, Calif.—Load a clear stream of water with silt and it will run faster. Right or wrong?

Right. Dr. V. A. Vanoni says he made this surprising discovery in tests with a miniature river 60

feet long, 33 inches wide and 12 inches deep.

"We dumped fine sand such as would be blown in an ordinary

windstorm, adding one-tenth of 1 per cent, by weight," he said. "The speed of flow increased 5 per cent."

"Next we put in three-tenths of 1 per cent, and the flow increase was 10 per cent."

"There is a point, of course where the flow would be retarded but we haven't reached it yet with our experiments."

"The Colorado River carries an average of 1 per cent of silt by weight, running up to 10 per cent during floods. The Mississippi River carries 1/4 to 1/3 the silt load of the Colorado."

Dr. Vanoni heads the Soil Conservation Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, operated jointly by the Institute and the Federal Soil Conservation Service.

"The explanation of this discovery," he said, "is that clear water is more turbulent than muddy water. The friction resistance at the bottom is transferred through the stream. Turbulence retards flow."

"Sediment reduces turbulence and the speed of flow is increased."

"Our evidence indicates that the

faster a stream flows the more sediment it picks up and the more sediment it picks up the faster it flows. If we can find ways to prevent earth and sand from getting into flood streams, we should be able to check erosion."

17 KILLED IN RAID ON SUEZ AREA

CAIRO, Aug. 4 (Reuters)—Air raid alarms were sounded on Sunday night in the governorates and several provinces in Egypt.

Bombs dropped on the Suez Canal area caused the heaviest casualties yet recorded there—17 persons killed and 58 injured.

Slight damage was done to property, it was officially announced.

Gunfire was heard in the Cairo area and among other places where the alerts were sounded were Alexandria and Port Said.

WIN FOR BLITZ

In a thrilling hockey match on roller skates played yesterday at the Ciro Skating Rink, the Kowloon Skating Club "B" lost to the Blitz by two goals to nil.

This is the first match played in the Chi Yin Yat Paco hockey league on roller skates.

CHINESE RETAKE CHAOYANG

CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Reuters)—

Chinese dispatches from the Kwangtung front claim that Chinese forces recaptured Chaoyang on the afternoon of Aug. 1, the Japanese troops withdrawing in the direction of Swatow.

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It runs a series of Sunday lectures under the general title of "The Scientist at the Microphone," which includes lectures by the foremost scientists in the country such as Academician Komarov,

Fersman, Obruchev and Obraztsov and Profs. Konchalovsky and Anokhin. It also gives reviews of the latest books, as well as literary readings and dramatic recitals.

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